Secret Treaties Reveal How Britain and Japan Blocked U. S. in China

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The following is the sixth installment of this amazing story of secret diplomacy, the fifth having appeared last Sunday in The Washington Times.

Uncle Sam's principle of the "open door" and "in-Japan, Russia, Great Britain and France, without the public of the United States becoming aware of it.

There were three—and possibly four—secret treaties that frustrated the heroic attempts of the United States to keep the control of the great powers, the th Far East open for all who wanted to trade there or invest their money in the development of the natural resources of a buffer between Russia and Japan. of these vast territories.

the British undersecretary of foreign

favored reducing the United States to

the same position Germany occupied

with regard to Persia and Turkey-

direct negotiations between the gov-

ernments at Washington and Peking

were being considered "inexpedient

eign affairs .. Telegram; dated Oct.

"The news of the arrival of Prince

Ito on a visit to our minister of

finance appears to have aroused great

U. S. CONSIDERED

AN OUTSIDE POWER.

The entente combination, including Government was beginning to lose Japan in this instance, did in China interest in China. what it was going in Persia. With the connivance of Great Britain and lowed a policy that might have won France, Russia and Japan divided in the end, Mr. Wilson does not seem to have been very energetic, because Manchuria and Mongolia and then during his first term of office the agreed to put pressure upon the objects of the United States in the Chinese government and people for Far East were neglected to an extent the purpose of excluding all com- that made the ascendency of the and undertakings of a finan- entente group in the Far East an easy merce and undertakings of a finan-entente p of approval of Tokyo, Petrograd, Paris, and London.

is shown that in the conclu- played a big role in this deal in em. of the alliance with Japan, pires. Great Britain had a desideratum that affected Germany as far back as fied," in fact "extremely satisfied." that concerning Manchuria had been made

By the "diplomatic" deals were made. Great Britain was able to by Japan and Russia. The French reinforce her home fleet, ebtain con- ambassador in London, Paul Cambon trel over Tibet and improve her went out of his way to picture the financial position in the Far East. United States as a trouble-maker and France was able to make many investments and, incidentally, saw the entente strength- affairs, was of the opinio

of Korea and southern Manchuria, and latter extended her zone of influence into the western parts of inner Mongolia. Russia secured northern Manchuria Western Mongolia, and western

Chine was further victimized by an almost endless series of demands varying character, all of them Iswelsky, Russian minister of forcalculated to hasten the moment when Japan and Russia could force 2-15, 1909. JAPAN PREPARED TO

nds to settle the status of disquiet in government circles here. o make a military issue of the Far China are feared. East question, but did not have to go "The possibility is again mooted of tralization of the Manchurian Rail- prised at the altered text of the Great Britain made many reassur that far, because the United States our selling the southern section of the way. May I request you to community as this is apparently a result ing statements in Washington, but

Manchurian railway and signing an agreement concerning Manchuria. It seems to me that the Chinese government must fear that the disapproving attitude of several powers, especially Russia, toward the Chinese-Japanese agreement, together with the protests of foreigners in the Charbin question. might lead to a close understanding between Russia and Japan in order to rotect their mutual interests in Manhuria against China and the other

These other powers were the United States and Germany, supported in their right for the "Open Door" in the Far East by the smaller nations of Surope who wished to continue doing business in the Mongolian countries

s they had done hitherto. The oppopents of the Entente in the Far Eastern question feared that com-Mongolia would exclude all non-wintente commerce from these markets, ind place at great disadvantage the investments that had been made by

KNOX WAS IGNORANT

OF RUSSO-JAPAN STATUS. The Russian Ambassador at Washington to Iswolsky. Telegram; dated

December 15-28, 1909. "The project contained in the memorandum to you has, as Knox informs me, been handed to Germany and England, whose agreement in principle has been received. No news lapanese attitude.

"Knox's project, according to what neutralization of Manchuria under political influences. safeguarding of China's rights in this country and the establishment n order to preclude the possibility of conflict between these two countries. will, to my thinking, prove whether the plans of this nation aim at Man-While the Taft administration fol-The fact that such aims exist is proved to me by the constant developone does not wish to assume that of the United States in the Japan is really and exclusively conorder to be in a position to defend her conquests in Korea against all unfore-

Though not one of the contracting parties, the British government The dispatch shows to what extent Secretary of State Knox was ignorant of what was actually going on. While the Japanese and Russian govern-Sir Edward Grey was "much satis ments were getting together for the purpose of making a secret treaty, Mr. Knox, seemingly, was under the mpression that a buffer state was needed to keep the two from again going at each other as they had done few years before. For instance, the hypocrite, and Sir Arthur Nicolson

The Russian Ambassador at Tokyo o Iswolsky. Report; dated December 31, 1909-January 13, 1910. "I have just had a talk of hours' duration with Motono. naturally, spoke of the notorious American project. Komura has comnunicated to the ambassador (at St. Petersburg) the negotiations which are taking place between both governments regarding the project.

The Russian minister at Pekin to DOPE FROM RUSSIA.

The role played by Sir Edward Grey is laid bare in the following: Iswolsky to Count Benckendorf Russian Ambassador at London, telegram No. 2291; dated December 31, 1909, January 13, 1910.

Sub. No. 2. I shall send you a short China before the completion of the as closer relations between Russia extract from the answer we intend the disadvantage of presenting to the American Government in reply to the project of neu**Peruvians Must Paint** and Repair Houses Or Go to Jail

must repair and paint their proper-ties within forty-five days or go to jail. This report reached the De-

Besides the risk of fine and imprisonment, property owners have been warned that if they failed to obey the mandate, repairs will be done by the municipality and the charges assessed against the prop-

cate the contents confidentially to Grey and to add that we are acting in agreement with Japan in this

Just how the powers regarded the "open door" policy of America in China is well-instanced by the follow-The Russian minister of foreign

Finance. Communication; dated November 6-10, 1910. . the Chinese government intends to take up in the United States, it may be inferred that the American Government desires to use foreign, not American, money in order to attain a double profit: Firstly, a commission for the American banks and, secondly, the appointment of an American

who will in all probability attempt to exert not only economic but also "The Japanese Ambassador here, has arrived at the same conclu-

dissatisfaction at the proposal. U. S. WAS BLAMED FOR JAPAN'S MISDEEDS.

The statement is permissible here that the Government of the United treaties, as it was, without knowing China. As a mater of fact the vary opposite was the case, the United States being accused of something for which the Russians and Japanese had actually made a secret treaty.

equal trade opportunities for all in the Far East, and recognized that the preservation of China's integrity was of necessity the first step in that di-

It was the aim, especially of Japan to get an effective political control over vast territories and many millions of people on the Asiatic continent so that by means of discriminang of import duties.

The French had taken no part in the hamstringing of China, except in entente could be strengthened thereby. However, they were the able allies of Russia, Japan and Great Britain in a

Nothing came of the efforts of the Russian government to pick a quarel with China, despite the fact that the latter had just eaten a very large conditions of the ultimatum.

JAP ALLIANCE IS BRITISH NAVAL ACE.

Count Benckendorff to M. Neratoff, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs. Report; dated July 4-17, 1911. "I have just had a strictly confiden-

ance. I told him we were not sur- administration.

of the proposed arbitration treaty with the United States. . "Sir Arthur added that . . since the coming into force of the Anglo-Japanese treaty England has been able to reduce her navai forces

in the far East and to strengthen her feet in like measure in European waters. Through this England posmaintenance of peace in the far East, and has been enabled to strengthen her naval forces there where they might eventually be needed."
Since this is the most authentic

ide reasons" for the Anglo-Japanese Treaty of Alliance, it is necessary to point out certain essentials thereof. First, the treaty was modified be-

mought of subscribing to the general rbitration treaties the United States Government was offering at that me, which means, of course, that the treaty contained provisions that were influenced by this step on the pert of the United States.

Second, it is stated that the original treaty was aimed at Russia. Third, it seems that the treaty covaffairs to the Russian Minister of ered an agreement between Great Australian exclusion acts.

Fourth, the treaty made it possi government to station units of her Ariatic fleet of war in European waters "where they might eventually te needed."

U. S. STILL TRYING TO GET FAR EAST BEARINGS.

The United States Government was Far East question, assisted in this case by the German government. sion, has openly expressed to me his Neither of these governments seemed able to understand just why it met with nothing but sham acquiessence in the Entente capitals and Tokio. They were beating the air of secret

> The Russian ministry of foreign affairs to the Russian consul general at Curga. Tel. No. 1,694; dated August, 18-31, 1912.

> "The war minister considers it ne cessary to equip the Mongolians with r.odern rifles on due payment. forwarding this communication to the Mongolian ministers please prevail on them to prevent the import of arms from abroad,"

> The same to the Russian diplomatic agent. Tel. No. 3,179. November 8-21, 1913.

"To impede as far as possible the export of foreign goods from China other competitors commerce could be to Mongolia, we have ordered our consuls in this territory to refuse permission for the transport of goods on the Carawan road, justifying this measure by the statement that an autonomous Mongolia has been created by the declaration of October 23, with regard to which commercial transport could not yet be regulated."

> door, for which the United States had waged a battle royal. This policy of sanction by Russia, Japan, Great Britain and France, and while Russia is not now a factor in the conditions that were brought on in 1913 and taken over all the Russian "spheres of interest" and "especial claims."

BATTLE WAS LOST WHEN WILSON BEGAN.

So far as the United States is concerned, the battle was finally given renewal of the Anglo-Japanese Alli- up with the coming of the Wilson

for all purposes was an ally of Japan and Russia in the division of government acquiesced to a "recogni-tion of our (Russian) sphere of influence in Northern Manchuria, Mon-golia, and Western China, with the exception of Kashgar, as well as the mediately. undertaking not to hinder us in the execution of our plans in these terri-

which we should have to regard as in compatible with our interesst.' achieve "recognition of her freedom of action and her privileged position

NEARBY WELLS DRAIN NAVAL OIL RESERVES

wells and draining the oil from nava: oil reserves, have forced the Navy to open up Naval Reserve No. 1 in Secretary Denby anounced yesterday.

Bids for leases on the oil property. now a naval reserve, will be called for shortly and the leases will be on royalty basis, the Secretary said. Private corporations, operating wells close to the borders of the naval reserve, have drained the oil from the naval reserve lands and made it unprofitable to operate these reserves and therefore it has been decided to

SENATE COMMITTEE O. K.'S **ESCH FOR I. C. C. POST**

The nomination of former Congressmember of the Interstate Commerc commission, was reported favorably to the Senate yesterday by the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee. Senator LaFoliette, Republican, of Wisconsin, member of the committee and Esch's political foe, disagreed with the committee's action, but was

overruled. Early confirmation of Esch' mination by the Senate is predicted by Republican leaders.

TINPLATE COMPANY CUTS PRICES ON SHEET IRON NEW YORK, April 17 .- The Ameri-

can Sheet and Tinplate Company, United States Steel Corporation sub

of | sidiary, has announced price reduction for sheet iron of from \$7 to \$14 a ton. Earlier this week the United States Steel Corporation announced price cuts affecting other lines.

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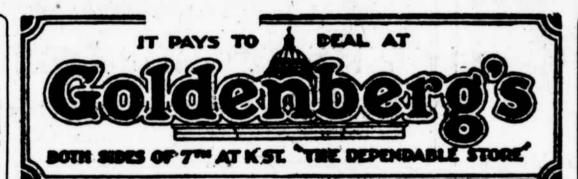
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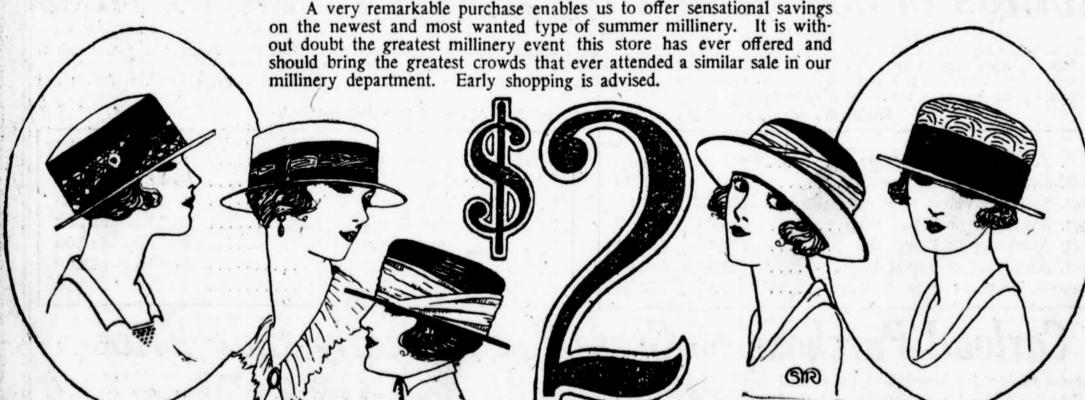


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